

GOAL FAMINE STILL HAUNTS FORWARDS

Wealdstone 2, Wycombe Wanderers 0

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' goal famine continued at Lower Mead on Tuesday evening. So after four consecutive games—360 minutes of soccer—the Wanderers, strictly speaking, have failed to find the net as the goal which gave them their victory over Clapton was an own goal.

As has often been the case Wycombe's mid-field football was a delight to watch and fluid in movement. But the minute Wycombe reach the edge of their opponents' 18-yard area they lack that vital penetration.

With both Julian Lailey and Keith Samuels unavailable through injuries the side was shuffled to allow Viv Busby to play his first game of the season at centre-forward with Len Worley returning to the outside-right spot, and Vince Faulkner moving into the right-half berth.

In the first half Wanderers clearly worried Wealdstone with the amount of mid-field possession they gained but it became painfully obvious, as the half progressed, that Busby and Horseman could supply very few headaches for the home defenders.

On occasions Stuart Thompson burst through into the area to try and solve the problem and saw one particular good effort nicely taken by Williams.

RESCUED

The Wealdstone 'keeper came to the rescue of his side again only a few minutes later when Horseman, shaking off his shadows, slipped past Bromley and saw his drive neatly gathered by Williams, who advanced to the six-yard line to narrow the angle.

Shortly before the interval Thompson met a Worley corner only to see his header hit Doyle standing on the line and from the rebound Busby's shot was cleared by Leonard.

Little was seen of Wealdstone's attack but after two minutes of first half injury time they scored. Searle's cross was superbly pulled down by Lindsay, who evaded two desperate tackles, before giving Maskell no chance from 10 yards.

Eight minutes after the resumption Wealdstone scored their second and crucial goal.

Rundle got himself into a tangle and conceded a free-kick for handling.

Leonard floated the kick into the Wycombe area where Rundle had the misfortune to slice his header into the path of Hutchinson, who taking the ball into his stride, scored with a fierce shot from an extremely acute angle.

Trouble developed behind the Wealdstone goal and an appeal was made via the referee for spectators not to let-off fireworks. Both the respective managers Dave Underwood (Wealdstone) and Barry Darvill (Wycombe) went behind the goal to appeal for peace.

During a break in the play a rocket fizzed its way across the pitch at a low height which appeared to have been released from outside the ground.

MORE HEIGHT

In an effort to try and install some height and weight up front, both Vince Faulkner and Ian Rundle moved up on separate occasions into the Wealdstone area but to no avail.

Wanderers' last hopes of staging a recovery disappeared in the 72nd minute when Tony Horseman came off suffering from groin trouble.

Dave Hall substituted and Lou Temel moved into the forward line and had a searing drive brilliantly pushed aside by the flying Williams just before the close.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; L. Temel, C. Gale; V. Faulkner, I. Rundle, D. Thomas; L. Worley, B. Baker, V. Busby, A. Horseman, S. Thompson.